



# ISLAND VIBES

the Official Newsletter for the City of South Padre Island



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Tuesday • February 17<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM • Special Events Committee

### Wednesday • February 18<sup>th</sup>

9:00 AM • Parks & Keep SPI Beautiful Committee

4:30 PM • Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Board

5:00 PM Substandard Structure Review Board

5:30 PM • Regular City Council

### Thursday • February 19<sup>th</sup>

3:00 PM • Planning and Zoning Commission

View upcoming meetings, live stream in session, & watch archived meetings [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Saturday Recycling

Date: Every Saturday  
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Where: 4501 Padre Blvd  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### SPI Birding, Nature Center & Alligator Sanctuary - Nature Meets ASL: Gator Talk

Date: February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Where: 6801 Padre Boulevard  
[Click here](#) for event details.

### SPI Market Days

Date: February 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Where: SPI Convention Center  
[Click here](#) for event details.

There's no shortage of events happening on South Padre Island! [Click here](#) to join the fun and see what's happening.



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## Coffee & Conversations: Spring Break

During the February 12<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Conversation the City of South Padre Island Convention and Visitor Bureau, Fire Department, and Police Department members to gave community members updates on the different strategies being implemented to keep everyone safe this spring break. [Click here](#) to rewatch!



City of South Padre Island staff with the SPI Chamber of Commerce and Wendy Knight

## Friends of Animal Rescue 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

Friends of Animal Rescue was originally formed to assist in placing the 400 animals at the Isabel Y. Garcia Shelter on February 11, 2015. Over 40 volunteers worked together to find homes for the animals.



Friends of Animal Rescue Staff

Once this mission was accomplished, Friends of Animal Rescue began assisting South Padre Island in reuniting lost and found pets. Two years later, Friends of Animal Rescue became a licensed State of Texas animal shelter and quarantine facility.

The group cares for over 800 animals per year by reuniting them with their owners, caring for homeless and injured animals, and placing them in foster homes. They are also a holding place for shore birds and Island wildlife. Visit Friends of Animal Rescue at 4908 Padre Blvd.

Friends of Animal Rescue also holds events throughout the year! They recently held their puppy bingo at the South Padre Island Community Center!



Friends of Animal Rescue Staff



Puppy Bingo Players

## #Join TeamSPI

Join us in keeping South Padre Island safe and beautiful this Spring Break by becoming a part of the team!

All of these opportunities are part-time/temporary positions. [Apply here](#) today to join our team!

Code Enforcement Officer  
Jail Technician  
Maintenance Technician  
    ◦ Public Works  
    ◦ Shoreline  
  
Police Officer  
Traffic Control  
Vehicle Operator



## Pet of the Week

Cher is a senior cat that found herself without a home after her human passed away. She is litter box trained, friendly, and independent.

Meet your future fur friend at Friends of Animal Rescue at 4908 Padre Blvd.

Complete the adoption application [here](#).



## Adopt - a - Beach

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Adopt-a-Beach on Friday, February 6, 2026!



## Welcome to Your Island Escape

The City of South Padre Island would like to welcome RGV Quilt Show and National Summit for Dual Credit to the South Padre Island Convention Center! From February 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, the RGV Quilt Show will bring approximately 1,200 attendees.

From February 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>, the National Summit for Dual Credit will bring 300 attendees to the Island! Local businesses keep an eye out for all the foot traffic!

## Want a sand-sational Valentine's Day?

Whether you want to cram in one extra activity or forgot to plan your Valentine's date night visit the [South Padre Island event's calendar](#) for a myriad of options. Gals, pals, fellas, and friends there is something for everyone this Valentine's.

Need to get that special someone a gift? There are plenty of places on South Padre Island to choose from. Use the [SPI Chamber of Commerce's business directory](#) to find that perfect gift for that unique person.

## Valentine Fireworks

Get ready to bring ring your Valentine or Galentine to the [Valentine's Fireworks display](#) on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.! You can find the best views in the Entertainment District. Head over to Laguna Boulevard and pick a spot from anywhere from W. Whitting St. to W. Sunny Isles St.

**Administrative offices will be closed on February 16<sup>th</sup>  
in observance of Presidents' Day.**